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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1                   96. (New) A locking system, comprising:  
2                    a portable electronic device having a wall defining a security slot;  
3                    a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging  
4                   portion provided with a locking member sized to enter into and be removed from said security  
5                   slot when in an unlocked position, said slot engagement member being moveable between said  
6                   unlocked position and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within said  
7                   security slot;

8                    a retractable inhibiting member coupled to said housing and within said  
9                   security slot when said slot engagement member is in said locked position, for inhibiting  
10                  movement of said slot engagement member from said locked position, the retractable inhibiting  
11                  member being retractable relative to the slot engagement member; and

12                  a cable, coupled to said housing, for attaching to an object other than said  
13                  portable electronic device.

1                   97. (New) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said slot engagement  
2                  member rotates when moving between said unlocked position and said locked position.

1                   98. (New) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said slot engaging portion is  
2                  complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot.

1                   99. (New) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said retractable inhibiting  
2                  member extends into said security slot when said slot when said engagement member is in said  
3                  locked position.

1                   100. (New) The locking system of claim 99 wherein said retractable inhibiting  
2                  member extends through said housing.

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1            101. (New) A locking system, comprising: a portable electronic device having a  
2 wall defining a security slot;

3                 a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion  
4 provided with a locking member sized to enter into and be removed from said security slot when  
5 in an unlocked position, said slot engagement member being moveable between said unlocked  
6 position and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within said security slot;

7                 a retractable inhibiting member, coupled to said housing and within said security  
8 slot when said slot engagement member is in said locked position, for inhibiting movement of  
9 said slot engagement member from said locked position, and wherein said inhibiting member is  
10 fixed relative to said housing, the retractable inhibiting member being retractable relative to the  
11 slot engagement member; and

12                 a cable, coupled to said housing, for attaching to an object other than said portable  
13 electronic device to inhibit movement of said portable electronic device beyond a predetermined  
14 distance from said object.

1            102. (New) The locking system of claim 101 wherein said slot engaging portion  
2 is complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot.

1            103. (New) The locking system of claim 101 wherein the retractable inhibiting  
2 member extends into said security slot when said slot engagement member is in said locked  
3 position.

1            104. (New) The locking system of claim 103 wherein the retractable inhibiting  
2 member extends through said housing.

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105. (New) A locking system in accordance with claim 101 wherein the retractable inhibiting member is a pin.